

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting an ordinance be prepared to create limitations on the deployment of “military equipment” by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and any law-enforcement agency providing mutual aid within the City; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Soto-Martinez - Hernandez):

1. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to report on the feasibility of enacting this type of ordinance.
2. INSTRUCT the LAPD to report on the potential impacts to Department operations if such an ordinance was enacted.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney, in consultation with the CLA, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Los Angeles Police Department, to prepare and present an ordinance that:
 - a. Prohibits the deployment or use by any City employee of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents, including but not limited to any other crowd-control weapons identified in California Government Code § 7070(c)(1) through (c)(14), except in response to an individual—not a crowd—that presents an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury, only when no safer, feasible alternative exists, that the device is directed exclusively at that individual, and all requirements of Penal Code § 13652 are met.
 - b. Requires that, even under this narrow exception, officers give clear audible warnings in the predominant languages present, provide a viable egress route, deploy only one device per targeted individual, and refrain from targeting the head, neck, spine, or pelvis, and all other safeguards enumerated in Penal Code § 13652(b).
 - c. Establishes that any acquisition of crowd-control weapons or munitions requires Council approval, and that stockpile limits of such weapons and munitions can be set at any time by Council resolution- the excess of which must be destroyed or transferred out of the City.
 - d. Establishes a private right of action granting any person injured by a violation the greater of actual damages or ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each distinct deployment or use, plus reasonable attorney’s fees and costs.
 - e. Mandates that the LAPD publicly post, within twenty-four (24) hours, location-specific data on every deployment and use covered by this ordinance and include compliance metrics in its annual “military-equipment” report required by AB 481.
 - f. Directs the Board of Police Commissioners to adopt any additional implementing rules within sixty (60) days of the ordinance’s effective date.
 - g. Classifies any violation of the ordinance as serious misconduct subject to discipline up to and including termination.
 - h. Requires that any law-enforcement agency providing mutual aid within the City shall, as a precondition of deployment, agree in writing to abide by all provisions of this ordinance and any implementing rules; in the absence of such written agreement, the Los Angeles Police Department shall neither request nor accept mutual-aid assistance involving personnel or equipment subject to these prohibitions; The LAPD shall incorporate this requirement into all existing and future mutual-aid agreements within 15 days.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
North Westwood Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On November 12 2025, your Public Safety Committee considered a Motion (Soto-Martinez - Hernandez) relative to requesting an ordinance be prepared to create limitations on the deployment of “military equipment” by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and any law-enforcement agency providing mutual aid within the City; and related matters.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Public Safety Committee moved to approve the recommendations in the Motion with additional instructions as listed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE	ABSENT
PRICE	YES
McOSKER	YES
SOTO-MARTÍNEZ	YES
PARK	YES

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